

Attachment “A”

Standard Questions for Applicants Seeking Local Exchange Service Authority

1. Is your company seeking any waivers or variances of certain Commission rules and regulations in this proceeding that pertain to local exchange service? Please provide evidence as to why your company is seeking any waiver or variance.

Yes. As noted in the Petition, the Company is seeking waivers of Part 710 (Uniform System of Accounts), Part 735.180 (directories), and 83 Illinois Administrative Code Part 250 (books and records). USOA would warrant a departure from the Company's basic accounting system, which is maintained in accordance with GAAP. Customers of the Company will be listed in directories prepared by the ILEC. The Company's principal office is located in Georgia, and, as a result, it would be burdensome for the Company's books and records to be kept in the State of Illinois. Further information will be provided in the Company's testimony in support of this Application.

3. Will your company comply with 83 Illinois Administrative Code Part 772, Pay-Per-Call Services, including Part 772.55(a)(1), Billing and Part 772.100(d) Notices?

Yes.

4. Will your company comply with 83 Illinois Administrative Code Part 705, Preservation of Records of Telephone Utilities?

Yes.

5. Will your company abide by 83 Illinois Administrative Code Part 735, "Procedures Governing the Establishment of Credit, Billing, Deposits, Termination of Service and Issuance of Telephone Directories for Telephone Utilities in the State of Illinois"?

Yes, except to the extent any waivers are granted.

6. Will your company abide by 83 Illinois Administrative Code Part 732, "Customer Credits"?

Yes.

7. Who will provide customer repair service for your company?

The Company will provide its own customer repair service.

8. How many people does the company employ?

Approximately 103.

9. Will your company meet the requirements as they pertain to the Telephone Assistance Programs imposed by Sections 13.301 and 13.301.1 of the Illinois Public Utilities Act and 83 Illinois Administrative Code Part 757?

Yes.

10. Will your company solicit, collect, and remit the voluntary contributions from its telephone subscribers to support the Telephone Assistance Programs?

Yes, in conjunction with the incumbent LEC.

11. Does your company plan on filing to become an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier?

Not at this time.

12. Does the company realize that it will not be able to receive any of the federal reimbursements for the Lifeline and Link Up Programs if it is not an eligible carrier?

Yes.

13. Will your company offer all of the waivers associated with the Universal Telephone Service Assistance Programs (UTSAP)?

Yes.

14. Will your company abide by the regulations as prescribed in 83 Illinois Administrative Code Part 755, "Telecommunications Access for Persons with Disabilities," 83 Illinois Administrative Code Part 756 "Telecommunications Relay Service," and Sections 13-703 of the Illinois Public Utilities Act?

Yes.

15. Will the company's billing system be able to distinguish between resale and facilities based service for the collection of the ITAC line charge?

Yes.

16. Has your company signed and return the Universal Telephone Assistance Corporation ("UTAC") and the Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation ("ITAC") to Commission staff?

Yes.

16. How does your company plan to solicit customers once it begins to provide local service?

The Company plans to solicit primarily small and medium size business customers located in commercial office buildings. The Company plans to market using account executives, lobby events and marketing materials placed with property managers.

17. Has your company provided service under any other name?

No.

17. Have any complaints or judgments been levied against the company? (Instate, out-of-state, or FCC).

No.

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1. Will your company ensure that 911 traffic is handled in accordance with the 83 Illinois Administrative Code Part 725 and the Emergency Telephone System Act?

Yes.

2. Will your company contact and establish a working relationship with the 911 systems when you begin to provide local telephone service?

Yes.

3. Will your company coordinate with the incumbent LEC(s) and local 911 systems to provide transparent service for your local exchange customers?

Yes.

4. Who will be responsible for building and maintaining the 911 database for your local exchange customers?

The Company will work with the incumbent LEC or a third party clearinghouse to build and maintain its portion of the 911 database.

5. How often will your company update the 911 database with customer information?

Daily or on an as needed by customer basis.

6. Will your company's billing system have the ability to distinguish between facilities based and resale for the collection of the 911 surcharge?

Yes.

7. Does your company have procedures for the transitioning of the 911 surcharge collection and disbursement to the local 911 system?

The Company will establish such procedures based on state rules prior to providing service.

8. Will your company's proposal require any network changes to any of the 911 systems?

No.

9. Will your company be able to meet the requirements specified under Part 725.500(o) and 725.620(b) for the installation of call boxes?

Yes.

10. Does your company plan to file for a waiver of Part 725.500(o) and 725.620(b) in the future?

No.

Financial Questions for Applicants Seeking Local Exchange Service Authority

1. (Answer if requesting waiver of Part 710) What circumstances warrant a departure from the prescribed Uniform System of Accounts ("USOA")?

The Company is a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier that utilizes GAAP for record maintenance.

2. Will records be maintained in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP")?

Yes.

3. Will applicants accounting system provide an equivalent portrayal of operating results and financial condition as the USOA?

Yes.

4. Will applicants accounting procedures maintain or improve uniformity in substantive results as among similar telecommunications companies?

Yes.

5. Will applicant maintain its records in sufficient detail to facilitate the calculation of all applicable taxes?

Yes.

6. Does the accounting system currently in use by applicant provide sufficiently detailed data for the preparation of Illinois Gross Receipts Tax returns? What specific accounts or sub-accounts provide this data?

Yes. The accounting system currently in use can provide sufficient detailed data for the preparation of the Illinois Gross Receipts Tax returns. Specific accounts or sub accounts have not be established as yet as the Company does not have Illinois revenue for which it must account. Such accounts will be established as revenue is earned in Illinois.

7. If a waiver of Part 710 is granted, will applicant provide annual audited statements or all periods subsequent to granting of the waiver?

Yes.

8. Does applicant agree that the requested waiver of Part 710 will not excuse it from compliance with future Commission rules or amendments to Part 710 otherwise applicable to the Company?

Yes.

8. Please attach a copy of applicant's chart of accounts.

Not applicable.

Prepaid Service Questions for Applicants Seeking Local Exchange Service Authority

NOT APPLICABLE

1. Will customers have the ability to sign up with any long distance company they choose?
2. Will customers have the ability to use dial around long distance companies?
3. Does the applicant have interexchange authority in Illinois? If yes, please provide the docket number.
4. Will customers have access to the Illinois Relay Service?
5. Will customers be able to make 1-800 calls for free?
6. Will the Company offer operator services?
7. Please describe how applicant plans to collect the monthly fee to be paid in advance.
8. Will customers' monthly bills show a breakdown of services, features, surcharges, taxes, etc.?
9. Will customers pay an installation fee? If yes, will payment arrangements be offered for the installation fee?
10. Will telephone service be in the Company's name or the customer's name. If in the Company's name how will information appear in data bases, such as 9-1-1, directory assistance, etc.?
11. Will applicant offer prepaid service as a monthly service or as a usage service?
12. Will applicant provide a warning when the remaining value of service is about to cease?
13. Is the customer given more than one notice of the remaining value of service?
14. How much advance notice is given to the customer of the remaining value of service?
15. If the customer is in the middle of a call will they be disconnected when the remaining value of service has expired?
16. Has the customer been made aware of potentially being disconnected during a call when the remaining value of service expires?
17. When does the timing of a call start?
18. If the person called does not answer, is any time deducted from the customer's account?
19. Will there be any other instances in which the Company would disconnect a customer, other than running out of prepaid time?
20. When a customer runs out of time is their phone immediately disconnected or on suspension? (Will they still be able to receive calls?)

21. Are applicant's services available to TTY callers?
22. How will the applicant handle a complaint from a customer who disputes the amount of time used or remaining?
23. The Public Utilities Act requires a local calling area that has no time or duration charges. How will the Company define each customer's untimed local calling area?